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The surest way to hit a woman's heart is to take aim
kneeling.—Jerrold.

UP TO THE MAYOR.

A LITTLE judiciously applied publicity is a sovereign
remedy, as the old doctors used to say, for unsanitary
conditions in a city. The publication yesterday at the
suggestion of the City Directors of that list of places that
have been found in bad condition probably will result in
greater cleanup activity than the old town has seen for a
long time. However, it would not do to assume that this
is all that is necessary to do in order to make Fairmont
a spotless town.

The matter must be followed up. Mayor Conway
said yesterday that there never had been a complaint placed
before him that he did not order an investigation made.
We are sure that statement is the literal truth. Mayor
Conway is making a praiseworthy effort to give Fairmont
efficient government. But handling little affairs like san-
itary complaints over to subordinates is not enough in this
city, as he will find out if he takes the trouble to make a
searching, personal investigation. Subordinates around the
city hall have fallen into such a rut that they pay little
attention to suggestions from above, and when the mayor
orders an investigation made that is frequently the last
there is of it.

As the head of the department Mayor Conway is per-
sonally responsible for the sanitary condition of the city.
He can make this a clean town in an astonishingly short
time as soon as he makes the men in his department—every
one of them—realize that when he gives an order he means
to have it obeyed or fire the man who neglected it. Most
of the people around the city hall got their jobs through
political pull; but those who are employed in the depart-
ment presided over by the mayor, the department of public
safety, as it is known in more pretentious municipal or-
ganizations, can be dropped as soon as they are unacceptable
to the mayor. Politicians may tell him differently, but that
is the fact, and he can count upon the support of the public
in any steps which he may find it necessary to take in order
to maintain conditions which are up to the expectations of
the city.

BONE DRY IN LAW.

HAVING in the Ohio suffrage case disposed of the
contention that legislatures are not competent to ratify
amendments to the constitution in referendum states, and
having satisfied itself that the Eighteenth amendment was
a proper addition to the constitution under the terms of
Article Five, the Supreme court proceeded to ignore the

question about possible invasion of the police powers of
the states by legislation passed to enforce the amendment.
Then after declaring that the term concurrent power as
used in the amendment does not mean what the beer and
light wine advocates so eagerly assumed that it means, the
high court gently but firmly closed the door of hope right
in the faces of the wets.

The United States is dry, good and dry, and it is rea-
sonable to say that no man now living will ever see it
anything else. Of course drinks with alcohol in them will
be made, and they will be consumed in large quantities for
a long time. But self respecting folks in a very few years
will cease to consume them for the reason that the legal
status of prohibition having been definitively settled there
will be a certain amount of turpitude involved in every
drink. Respect for law is deep rooted in this country and
it will prevail even though the wet forces seek to create the
impression that the Eighteenth amendment constitutes a
usurpation of authority by a minority.

This is not to say that the liquor question has been dis-
posed of for all time. Far from it. It has not even been
disposed of as a political question, although both the Chi-
cago and San Francisco conventions are apt to ignore it
completely now that the Supreme court has ruled on the
validity of the amendment. In the courts it may be ex-
pected to cut quite a figure for a long time. Justice Mc-
Reynolds, who, while not agreeing with the opinion the
court handed down yesterday, declined to file a dissenting
opinion, is of the opinion that a multitude of questions
touching upon it will arise. It is quite possible that the
ignored police power issue in some form will be one of them.

Yesterday while Hiram Johnson was making his much
heralded convention eve speech in which he reiterated
his attacks upon the peace treaty, Myron T. Herrick,
former ambassador to France and chairman of the Ohio
delegation, was solidifying that body in favor of a
league with proper reservations. According to one re-
port Herrick's statement that America must join with
the world through the league of nations pleased the
Ohioans much. It is impossible to say yet what im-
pression Johnson made last night, but it is possible to
see that we are only beginning to get an idea of the
kind of trouble that is ahead for parties and politicians
now that the treaty and the league have been dumped
into politics.

If General Pershing persists in his intention to retire
from the army, which intention was announced yester-
day, it will be a great and a regrettable loss to the
country. Because this is a campaign year practically
nothing has been done yet toward a reorganization of
the army and the defenses of the country. Just as soon
as the election is out of the way this great subject will
have to be taken up. Pershing is in position to be of
great assistance when that time comes. Better than
any other man in the country he knows what the Amer-
ican citizen soldier can do and what ought to be done
in the way of preparing him for the defense of his
country.

Out in Chicago they are reported to be drawing par-
allels between the condition this year and that of the
convention of 1880, in which after a deadlock James A.
Garfield, who went to the convention to nominate an-
other man, was himself chosen the candidate. But
political history does not repeat itself just that way.
Too many politicians keep dope books, and it is a safe
bet that political managers are sitting up nights out in
Chicago working on schemes to prevent their man from
getting the deal they gave John Sherman back in 1880.
However, that fact will not prevent a dark horse from
being the nominee if the situation "indicates" one, as
the homeopaths say, and as to that we shall be more
or less in the dark until after the first ballot is taken.

Moreover there is not much danger of a very close
repetition of the 1880 incident because most every one
who has any real influence in politics these days knows
that the nominee could not be elected. There are phases
of the Garfield nomination which are not known to this
day, but it is admitted that it was the result of subter-
fuge negotiations. There is talk in the Democratic
newspapers of that sort of thing going on right now at
Chicago, but no one, not even the newspapers that pub-
lish it, believes it. This convention is wide open and it
is going to continue to be that way. The nominee may,
in fact we feel sure he will, benefit by the sort of a land-
slide which swept Garfield into the nomination, but it
will be a natural and not an engineered affair.

ONLY ONE PLUG HAT AT THIS CONVENTION

Hot Air the Only Antidote
For Low Temper-
ature.

By EDWARD M. THIERRY
N. E. A. Staff Correspondent.

CHICAGO, June 8.—Pre-con-
vention workers around the Coliseum
shivered under cool Lake Michigan
breezes. When they heard the
weather forecast for convention week
was "cooler," they demanded heat.
"Don't need it," said Charles R.
Hall, Coliseum manager, "a fine hot
air heating system, G. O. P. patent
applied for, will begin operating au-
tomatically when the orators cut
loose."

L. W. Henley and Walter J. Mala-
testa are the most unpopular persons
in Chicago. The former is secretary
of the arrangements committee and
the latter is secretary of the Chicago
convention committee.

They were nearly mobbed, when
ticket distribution took place. Mala-
testa had the worst time trying to
divide 2,558 tickets—Chicago's allo-
tment for those who contributed the
money for staging the big show
among 150,000 applicants.

"I got 73,000 checks from people
who wanted to buy tickets," said
Mala-testa, "it hurt like the dickens
to return all that cash."

Ford Peck, 80 and wealthy, built
the Congress Hotel a good many years
ago. Yesterday he called around look-
ing for Wood headquarters—and, like
everybody else who penetrates into
the labyrinth of corridors upstairs—
got lost.



"I built the building, all right," the
aged contractor complained, "but I'll
be darned if I numbered the rooms!"

"Mr. and Mrs. Lillian Russell"
have arrived to help pick the nomi-
nee. In "private life" the former is
Alexander P. Moore, Pittsburgh
newspaper publisher, and a Bull
Mooser of the vintage of 1912.

A taxi driver confided disgustedly
to a fare: "Hell! This is a dead
town! Why, there used to be wine,
women and booze—just like heaven!"

Energetic workers for Samuel
Adams, self-confessed Vice-President-
ial candidate, are going around pin-
ning badges on people and giving
them big red apples from Adams' Vir-
ginia fruit farm. The gift is a sort
of Adam apple.

An extremely small man in a gray
suit edged in and out among the
legs of delegates clustering up the
Congress Hotel lobby.



"A dwarf?" asked a signpost.
"No," explained a bellhop, "that's
one of those half-delegates from the
South."

Charles Washington Wilson, color-
ed, has the only two-gallon hat at
the convention. It's a bit rusty, but
he's proud of the "plug."



He comes from Tennessee and also
boasts a frock coat and a fancy vest,
liberally sprinkled with gray spots
and campaign buttons.

Mayor Thompson has ordered out
rears of street sweepers to shine
up the asphalt in front of the Coli-
seum.

"Got to boost Chicago—impress
visitors—clean city," said Thomp-
son. "Got streets clean enough for
'em to eat off of if they want to."

Horrible shock for Theodore Roose-
velt, Jr. A doorkeeper at the Coliseum
didn't recognize him, even when he



showed his teeth and refused to let
him in to attend contest hearings. He
didn't get in till Will Hays dashed
out and rescued him.

More vice-presidential timber is in
town. Colonel Henry J. Anderson, of
Richmond, Va., is willing to go to the
mat with Samuel Adams for the job.
Governor R. Livingston Beekman, of
Rhode Island, also has a boom.

Chairs for delegates in the Coli-
seum are nailed together. No chance
of throwing them when things begin
to liven up.

Eight sightseers are offering as
much as \$100 for a convention ticket.
None for sale, though, even at that
figure.

An anonymous songster has pro-
duced a campaign song. Copies will
be distributed in the Coliseum. Here's
the chorus:
It's a long, long trail that's winding
Far from that Fall Dinner Pall
In the days when men believed in
no such word as "fail."
It's a long time we've been waiting
The hour of triumph to see—
And we'll march into the White House
With our glorious G. O. P.

The G. O. P. circus is going to be
shown in the movies. Camera men
will grind every time there's some
excitement. The organ when the
Coliseum was turned over to the con-
vention committee.

Word to the Women.
It may not beget undue attention,
but 240,162,943 needles were made in
the United States last year. It would
be pleasant mental recreation for a
long evening to figure how many hours
of labor, based on the proverb that a
stitch in time saves nine, would have
been saved the women of the nation
if all these needles had been applied
at the psychological moment.

OIL A REAL NECESSITY
And SW Texas has it, and getting very
busy to help supply the world short-
age. I own 25,000 lease, solid black
oil, 1000 acres, good structure, will
sell for \$5.00 per acre, and help
buy a drill a well. About 4 years to
run—no rental, quick action neces-
sary.
W. L. BAUGH,
446 Landers Bldg.,
Springfield, Mo.

HAVE YOU A FRIENDLY BANK HOME?

Have you become accustomed to transacting your business at a cer-
tain bank, or

Have you been uncertain as to what bank would afford the best ser-
vice and make you feel perfectly at home?

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The Balance of Our
Large Stock of

SPRING SUITS

Will Be Placed
On Sale At

50%

REDUCTION

(No Approval Sales--No C. O. D.--No Charges)

The facts are these—Our Suit Stock now comprises upwards to
one hundred desirable models, all of decidedly good quality in a
variety of attractive styles. Many of them were "late arrivals"
—that is, they reached our stock late in the spring and embrace
many details of fashioning which will be found later among Fall
Suits at far higher prices. Every Suit we own is included in
this sweeping reduction for rather than hold them over we sacri-
fice our profit without reservation or exception. Materials are
tricotone, serge, twill and wool jersey. The last are sport models
for Summer wear. Even at their original prices Courtney's Suits
have been notably excellent values and at this cut in two they are
extraordinarily worth purchasing.

Many of These Suits Are Desirable for Fall Wear

This feature will appeal to many of our patrons. It means that
an early selection during this sale will result in ownership of a
suit with which to start the fall season at half the price a similar
suit would cost in another two or three months. For instance, a
\$50 suit to wear this Fall would cost only \$25 during this sale.

Saving Is Mighty Important

During this Three Day Sale We Will Also Feature a Group of

SUITS, COATS
& DRESSES At \$10

This price is so remarkably low for regular Courtney's mer-
chandise (as this is) we anticipate the hasty departure of ev-
ery garment. Those who inspect the group will be pleasantly
surprised by the unusual values.

The limited quantity in this exceptional
offering suggests the importance
of quick action

Truthful Advertising Courtney's Store Dependable Merchandise

RUFF STUFF

Ben Rosenbloom said in his open
letter to the Republican voters that
he is for law enforcement.

But before he gets down to the vot-
ing next November he is going to have
to stand up and say just where he
stands on the enforcement of the Vol-
stead act.

Supreme court decision makes that
certain.

And Ben had better make up his
mind early that this is no year for
trimmers.

Battling Bob LaFollette underwent
an operation at the Mayo Brothers
hospital in Rochester, Minn., yester-
day.

It is understood they will operate
upon a number of other United States
senators later in the week at Chicago.

And the indications now are that
precious little anesthetic will be used.

However it may be necessary to hit
some of 'em in the head with a club
before making the excision.

Judging by the looks of the battling
order of the Mining Machine team
last night most of those stories about
reorganization of the City league
must have been hot air.

Or do they lack a sense of sports-
manship out there?

Some of the stores in town are ad-
vertising bathing apparel for sale.

Wonder if they throw in a ticket
for Palm Beach with the stuff?

Hats That Afford Protection.

The natives of the Philippines and
South Sea Islands wear large sun hats
as a protection from the heat. Palm
leaves of various kinds furnish the
material generally used, but the shapes
differ. Some are woven flat and some
with a peak. The most common form in
the Philippines is made of palm leaves
covered with cane, a cane basket giv-
ing an air space above the head. The
construction of these hats is very
simple; no colors are used with the ex-
ception of brown, which is occasionally
introduced in the use of hemp.—Asia
Magazine.

EAST SIDE

NEWS

First M. P. Church Notes.

Mrs. J. B. Levelles Sunday school
class and their husbands are asked
to meet at the church this evening
at six o'clock to go to Pleasant Val-
ley, where all will enjoy a picnic sup-
per. Automobiles will be in readi-
ness to convey the crowd to the pic-
nic ground.

The Aid society of this church will
meet this evening at 7:30 o'clock at
the church. All the members are
urged to be present.

Mrs. Hinkle's Sunday school class
will meet on Friday evening at the
home of Miss Edna Prickett at 403
Barnes street. Each member is asked
to be present.

Returned Here.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis S. Gordon who
were recently married by the former's
brother Rev. J. E. Gordon at the par-
sonage of the Central Christian church
have returned from a brief wedding
trip and have taken apartments in
E. C. Rowlands residence in East
Park avenue. Mr. Gordon will be em-
ployed by the Kiser Lumber Co.

Personals.

Mrs. J. A. Switzer and daughter-in-
law, Mrs. Mancel Switzer of Pitts-
burg avenue are spending a few days
in Pittsburgh.

Mrs. J. H. Kinkead of Pittsburgh
avenue has been ill several days with
rheumatism.

Mildred and Glenn, Jr., children of
Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Little of Wiley
street are ill with measles.

Little Miss Louise daughter of Mr.
and Mrs. Bert Baker of Diamond street
is recovering from measles.

Fred Billingslee of Huntington is
visiting his mother Mrs. C. E. Swig-
er in Market street.

Robert C. Miller of East Park ave-
nue was called to Washington, D. C.,
Sunday evening by telegram announc-
ing the critical illness of his mother.

Mrs. Walton and son who were visit-
ing the former's sister Mrs. Charles
Pittman in Potomac avenue have re-
turned to their home at Elkins.

This Gorilla Needs a Nurse.

A relief from ennui is offered in a
recent notice in the "Personal" col-
umns of the London Times. The ad-
vertisment read: "A person wanted
to look after a baby gorilla; wage 20
shillings per week. Apply 'Alyse,' 15
Sloan street, Knightsbridge.

What People Say

and Some Side Remarks

Frances Ingram, America's great-
est contralto, was vexed following
her concert at the Normal Auditorium
last night when she learned that
there was no program. She was not
aware that the management of the
course had depended upon getting
programs from the booking office in
Chicago. She said:

"I would have announced my
numbers had I been aware of the
lack of programs."

Capt. Thomas Reed, formerly post-
master at Fairmont never gets too
old to be interested in the political
developments and just now has his
eye on Chicago. He observed:

"There is no telling just who
will be named as the Republi-
can candidate for president."

McCormack Denies

False Pretense Charge

Arrested on a warrant charging false
pretense yesterday, Hugh McCormack
of Madison street, appeared before
Justice Musgrove with his attorney,
Ernest Bell, and pleaded not guilty.
The trial has been set for Monday
morning, June 14, at nine o'clock.

The information was made by Ro-
nest Cain who claims that he and Roy
Greathouse traded an automobile to
McCormack for \$15 in cash and a ring
and that after McCormack wrecked the
car near Edgemoor he came to Cain
and asked that he be entrusted with
the ring again to sell it for cash, with-
out having told Cain of the accident.

After securing the ring it is claimed,
he told the two former owners of the
car that they could find the remains
of the car at Edgemoor.

Cheap and Pretty Home.

One of the most interesting exhibits
at the British Dairy association show
was a four-room cottage, complete,
with large entrance hall, carriage paid
to the nearest freight station, priced
at \$875. The house is made of asbes-
tos—a compound of asbestos and ce-
ment—and the manufacturers describe
it as "weather-proof, ratproof and
damp-proof." A charming little week-
end cottage of two rooms is offered
at \$375.